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5. The SKU at Frankfurt/Oder is some sort of forwarding agency for all military rail shipments to and from the USSR. Incoming trains are broken up and the freightcars forwarded individually or in groups. Trains to the USSR are assembled at Frankfurt/Oder by the SKU. Records for military shipments are exclusively kept by the commanding officer of the SKU who is informed by telephone about any incoming shipment which crosses the Oder bridge.
- On the basis of the records kept in his "Planaollbuch 1955" the individual cars of the incoming trains are forwarded to individual places of destination. The distribution of the cars is entered in a special book made out for the interpreters. The pages of this book are numbered and when all pages are written up the book is taken away. In this book the shipments are only marked with index numbers and shipment record numbers. Interpreters are unable to determine the type of goods involved from these numbers. If shipment record numbers are illegible, the interpreters at the SKU in Frankfurt/Oder call their counterpart at the Soviet transportation control headquarters attached to RSD Berlin. This communication is established over the railroad telephone system. The telephone extension of the Soviet agency in Berlin is 899/23755.<sup>1</sup>

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7. It is the mission of the Soviet Railroad Transportation Office at the Frankfurt/Oder passenger station to direct shipments arriving from Brest-Litovsk to their destination in the GDR. The agency is also informed about all shipments dispatched from the GDR to the USSR. The Soviet Railroad Transportation Office is located on Bahnhofstrasse opposite the passenger station. One Soviet lieutenant, colonel, one major, and two senior lieutenants were assigned to this agency.

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1. Comment. It is believed that the SKU is a military forwarding agency. Within the German military transportation system, such forwarding agencies were located at major marshalling yards and had the mission of forwarding individual cars or groups of cars below train strength. It is quite possible that the SKU was directly assigned to a central agency in Berlin. The Soviet Railroad Transportation Headquarters mentioned by source may be a field office of the Central Soviet Railroad Transportation Headquarters in Berlin. Soviet railroad transportation headquarters are attached to each of the 8 RBDs.
2. Comment. It appears improbable that the SKU is connected to the telephone network of the postal administration and not to the railroad telephone system. At the end of paragraph 4 it was stated that the railroad telephone system was used for communications with Berlin.

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